

## **Remarks**

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 8 was rejected as being an improper multiple dependent claim. Claim 8, which was amended in the preliminary amendment filed July 5, 2006, is not a multiple dependent claim nor does the application contain any multiple dependent claims.

Withdrawal of the objection to claim 8 is respectfully requested. Also, inasmuch as claim 8 was not considered on the merits, claim 8 has been amended into independent form, with the amendments made to claim 1.

### ***Claim Amendments***

Claim 1 has been amended to specify that one connecting means has the same geometry as the other connecting means. The claims also have been amended to remove reference numerals.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and § 103***

The prior rejections based on Martensson are now moot in view of the amendment to claim 1. Claim 1 now specifies that one connecting means has the same geometry as the other connecting means. It is submitted that there is lacking any reasonable basis to modify Martensson in a manner that would arrive at the subject matter of amended claim 1 and the advantages obtained therefrom.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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